

Dorothy Johnson Holzem

Legislative Representative

California State Association of Counties



Dorothy Johnson Holzem currently serves as Legislative Representative for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), building on more than 13 years of state and federal policy advocacy.

At CSAC, Dorothy is the lead advocate on finance and county operations policy that includes revenue and taxation, elections, board authority, local agency formation, economic development, and conflict of interest regulations for CSAC's 58 county members. She joined CSAC in March of 2015.

Prior to CSAC, Dorothy represented the California Special Districts Association on governance and employee relations policy for over two years. This followed her half-decade of service at the League of California Cities in the areas of municipal public works and public safety, first as Legislative Analyst and then as Associate Legislative Representative. She has also served as Grassroots Director for the American Heart Association's Western States Affiliate promoting cardiovascular wellness, emergency medical services, and tobacco control. Later, as Senior Account Executive with Perry Communications Group, Dorothy worked with private and public sector clients on mental health care access and law enforcement training programs.

Her first professional experience in with California State Legislature was as an intern in an Assembly office but her affinity for lobbying and local government came from an internship at a private firm, Shaw Yoder (now Shaw Yoder Antwih), where she worked with clients that included counties, cities, and public agency associations.

Dorothy graduated with highest honors from the University of California, Davis in 2003 with a BA in Political Science and a BA in Sociology (Law and Society Emphasis).